



City of Scottsdale Human Services Commission Regular Meeting

Thursday, October 27, 2011

**Granite Reef Senior Center, Room 8
1700 N. Granite Reef Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85257**

SUMMARIZED MINUTES

PRESENT: Katherine Weaver, Chair
Raoul Zubia, Commissioner
Enid Seiden, Commissioner
Judy Keane, Commissioner
Dustin Thomas, Commissioner
Donald Nordlund, Commissioner

ABSENT: Steven Rosenberg, Vice Chair

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Murphy, Community Services Executive Director
Tim Miluk, Human Services Manager
Valerie Kime Trujillo, Human Services Manager; Paiute
Hugh McGill, Youth and Family Services Manager
Jan Cameron, Parks and Recreation Director
Cindy Ensign, Human Services Planner
Donna Brower, Human Services Coordinator; Granite Reef
Kristy Hahn-McDonald, Social Worker, Granite Reef
Jennifer Murphy, Social Worker, Granite Reef
Deanna Zuppan, Adapted Recreation Services

GUESTS: Travis Yarlagadda, President of Foundation for Sustainable Senior Centers

Call to Order

Chair Weaver called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Roll Call

Commission members present as noted above.

1. Approval of the October 13, 2011 Meeting Minutes

COMMISSIONER ZUBIA MOVED TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 13, 2011 HUMAN SERVICES MEETING MINUTES AS AMENDED. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SEIDEN, THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH A VOTE OF SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). VICE CHAIR ROSENBERG WAS ABSENT.

3. Overview of People with Disabilities Population in Scottsdale

Donna Brower, Human Services Coordinator, Granite Reef Senior Center, discussed the event about families in crisis held during the Annual Interfaith Breakfast at St. Patrick's Church. She gave an overview of the statistics and information she obtained during the event regarding public health and welfare in Arizona. She shared a story about two developmentally delayed seniors who participate at the Granite Reef Senior Center and how their interaction at the Senior Center and help from Senior Center staff has impacted their lives. She noted that the mission of the Senior Center is to serve seniors and persons with disabilities; acceptance and understanding are the key to the Senior Center's success.

Kristy Hahn-McDonald, social worker, Granite Reef Senior Center, told a story about a disabled client referred to her by the Housing Office who had serious financial, medical, and psychiatric problems and how she was able to advocate for him and help him get the services he needed. His involvement with the Senior Center has helped him to feel connected to and supported by the community. She mentioned various support groups offered through the Senior Center.

Jennifer Murphy, social worker, Granite Reef Senior Center, talked about a gentleman who was in poor health and was referred to her because he was in jeopardy of losing his home to foreclosure by his HOA. Although he lost his home she was able to assist him in getting disability based on his diminished mental and physical capabilities and obtain housing and other needed services. She told a story about another client who at times has delusional thoughts and behaviors, no participating family, and no income, who she is working with on obtaining early Social Security and is encouraging to obtain mental health treatment.

In response to a question from the Commission, Ms. Brower noted that in the last year the senior centers had over 3000 case management sessions and 800 home visits; each social worker maintains an average of 60 to 80 clients.

Deanna Zuppan, recreation supervisor, Adapted Recreation Services, gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining the services and activities offered through Adapted Recreation Services, including accommodation services for the senior centers. She noted that phase one of the building renovations in their new location is nearing completion and phase two has been put on hold until further funding is secured.

2. Overview of Foundation for Sustainable Senior Centers in Scottsdale

Travis Yarlagadda, president of the Foundation for Sustainable Senior Centers of Scottsdale, gave a PowerPoint presentation reviewing the foundations recent activities, goals, the strategic plan, and strategies for raising awareness. The program, which was originally established through Scottsdale Leadership, is supported by many notable Scottsdale citizens and is working on a partnership between the City of Scottsdale and the senior centers. The mission of the organization is to help seniors and senior centers where they either run out of funds or are incapable of providing service due to policy restrictions.

4. Staff Updates

Mr. Miluk reviewed the Human Services center updates and activities.

Ms. Ensign provided the Commission with information regarding their tour that is scheduled for December.

5. Open Call to the Public

No members of the public wished to address the Commission.

6. Adjournment

Being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
A/V Tronics, Inc. DBA AVTranz.